wages throughout the country the Central Government has floated the concept of national floor level minimum wage. The national floor level minimum wage, though non-statutory, acts like a benchmark. The State Governments/Unions Territories are persuaded from time to time to fix minimum wage in the scheduled employments under their respective jurisdictions not below the national floor level minimum wage. However, inability to reach the national floor level minimum wage can not be constructed as a violation.

Contract Labour in Delhi Airport

1509. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry vide its notification No. S.O. 848(E) dated 26th July, 2004 has prohibited the employment of contract labour in the job of trolley retrieval by Airport Authority of India (AAI) in Delhi Airport;

(b) if so, whether the order is being implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether AAI had approached the High Powered Committee established by Government pursuant to order of the Supreme Court dated 11th September, 1991, before obtaining stay, if any, on the above notification?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Notification No. S.O. 848(E) dated, 26th July, 2004 issued by the Ministry of Labour & Employment prohibiting employment of contract labour in the job of Trolley Retrieval in the establishment of the Airport Authority of India at Indira Gandhi International Airport and domestic Airport at Delhi has been challenged by the management of Airport Authority of India before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi by way of civil writ petition No. 13953/2004. The Hon'ble Court vide order dated, 23.08.2004 has stayed the operation of the Notification. The Airport Authority of India have not approached the High Powered Committee before challenging the notification-dated 26.7.2004 in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.